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1. We are forwarding under separate cover information which AECASSOWARY 29 received from Volodymyr VASHKOVYCH, Mamchester, England. AECASSOWARY 29 requests that this information be passed to AECASSOWARY 15. This information is in response to general suggestions made to VASHKOVYCH by AECASSOWARY 29 and AECASSOWARY 2 on their trip to England in September 1960.

2. We have asked AECASSOWARY 29 for further information on the individuals mentioned in the report. AECASSOWARY 29 stated that the individuals mentioned are completely unknown to him. We have not debriefed AECASSOWARY 29 on Volodymyr VASHKOVYCH since the letter resides in England, outside our current operational area. However, AECASSOWARY 29 stated that AECASSOWARY 15 has full data on this individual if Headquarters desires to obtain further data.

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General situation in the Ukraine

SOURCE: Volodymyr, Vashkovych of Manchester, Great Britain, in his ltr dtd 4 Jan 1961 to Carl /Excerpts/

1. ".... A Ukrainian woman who has arrived from KHARKIV to visit her children in MANCHESTER does not want to tell anything. I saw her twice. She kept silence like a grave. From time to time praised the regime. She did it insincerely. I gave up my hope to learn anthing from her.

Another woman from STELMACH"s village who had married a French communist, went recently with him to LVIV. She was not allowed to go to her native village. Her belatives were brought to the best hotel in LVIV. She related many interesting things. I read her letter to STEDMACH.

According to her there is a real enmity in LVIV between natives and newcomers. They hate each other without trying to pull wool over someone's eyes. Envy stemsfrom well paid positions occupied mostly by newcomers.

The youth drinks heavily. Two bottles in pockets a frequent phenomenon.

The people of LVIV do distort and mutilate Russian in such a coarse manner and to such an extent that even deaf can realize they are sneering at the Russians.

The Frenchman, her hisband, had started a communist song at a party arranged by his wife"s sister at her home in LVIV. He was told to stop what he actually did.

The shops are empty. Long queues in front of them.

LVIV is not completely sovietized. The city has its own life. The people are waiting for something. They are very anxious to know what are doing Ukrainians abroad. At the party there was a girl who should in the near future absolve her musical studies at Lviv-consevatory. Over an hour she was asking about Ukrainians abroad, whether there are any Ukrainian films in France and Great Britain, do Ukrainians listen to Ukrainian melodies from KIEV, do the people in the West know anything about Ukrainian music and arts, etc. She spoke in a demonstrative way perfect literary Ukrainian and ignored deviations of athers. The Lady whose husband is French, says that never before the Ukrainians of LVIV have been such adamant patriots of all Ukrainian as they are now. At the same time the people are more concrete in their talks than they wave been before. Nobody would listen to phrases."

2."... This summer (1961) will come to MANCHESTER, Great Britain, from CHORTKIV, Western Ukraine GAYOVSKI's father who is going to stay here for 3 months. I (V.V.) helped to get documents for him, wrote to the Home Office, etc, GAYOVSKI's father is a teacher of Gymnasium."

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3. " I have an English friend, his name is WATSON, who is going to visit the Soviet Union".

N.B. STELMACH and GAYOVSKI are good acquaintances of V.V.